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### Cal/EPA

#### **Criminal Environmental Investigations Training**

Cal/EPA and the Western States Project (WSP) are offering scholarships to the "Introduction to Criminal Environmental Investigations" class. The training will be held in Salt Lake City Utah from October 27-29, 2008. These are full scholarships that will cover registration, travel costs and per diem. You must apply to Cal/EPA by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday September 10, 2008**. This training is appropriate for regulators, investigators, prosecutors and in house counsel. This training is limited to government employees only. This course fulfills the requirement for training required to attend the Advanced Criminal Investigation training co-sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The training will be held in Salt Lake City Utah from October 27-29, 2008. Please share this information as the application deadline is September 10. This information is/will soon be online at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/>.

To apply, send an email to Jami Ferguson at [jferguson@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:jferguson@calepa.ca.gov) with the following information:

Name

Title

Agency

Program area (hazardous waste, solid waste, air, water, pesticides etc.)

Email address

Mailing address

Phone number

Supervisor's name

Supervisor's email address

Supervisor's phone number

Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)

Have you ever attended the "Introduction to Criminal Environmental Investigations" training?

Have you ever received a WSP or Cal/EPA Scholarship before? If so, when?

Incomplete applications will not be considered. You will be notified via email of scholarship award and will receive further instructions at that time.

### **Changes to the 2008 and 2009 Evaluation Schedule**

The continuing lack of a state budget has caused the rescheduling of several CUPA evaluations.

- San Benito County has been rescheduled from September 10, 2008 and September 11, 2008 to Tuesday, November 4, 2008 and Wednesday, November 5, 2008
- Humboldt County has been rescheduled from September 16, 2008 and September 17, 2008 to Wednesday, April 1, 2009 and Thursday, April 2, 2009
- Shasta County has been rescheduled from November 4, 2008 and November 5, 2008 to Tuesday, February 10, 2009 and Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The posted evaluation schedule will be updated.

### **Annual Summary Reports Due**

The Annual Summary Reports including, Annual Single Fee Summary Report, Annual Inspection Summary Report, and Annual Enforcement Summary Report, are due to Cal/EPA Unified Program by September 30, 2008. These reports cover activity from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This year is a transition year in the reports. The Annual Inspection Summary Report and the Annual Enforcement Summary Report were modified as part of the Title 27 regulation changes that became effective in December 2007. Cal/EPA has made the new reports, instructions and the revised data dictionary available on its web site (<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Publications/#CUPAtoState>) since January 2008. However, since the reports are for a time period prior to the final regulations, CUPAs can either use the old reports or if they have been collecting the new information long enough, they can use the new reports. Contact: Farida Rozy, [frozy@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:frozy@calepa.ca.gov).

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

#### **DTSC TWW Workshop**

On September 11, 2008, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public workshop in Sacramento Cal/EPA Building to present the findings of DTSC's just-completed report on potential non-RCRA hazardous waste stream of creosote and copper-based preservative-treated wood. The workshop notice was distributed on August 11, 2008, to approximately 18,800 invitees (via mass mailings, listservs, and e-mails). The workshop notice, the report, and the amended Treated Wood Waste Management Fact Sheet were posted on the DTSC's TWW web site.

For locations and workshop notice, see

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/upload/TWW\\_Workshop\\_Notice\\_91108.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/upload/TWW_Workshop_Notice_91108.pdf).

To reserve the seat, please send an email to [tww\\_help@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:tww_help@dtsc.ca.gov).

For more information contact Li Tang at (916) 322-2505 or visit DTSC TWW webpage at

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Treated\\_Wood\\_Waste.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Treated_Wood_Waste.cfm).

### **State Water Resources Control Board**

#### **New Enforcement Unit Supervisor**

We are pleased to announce that Kim Sellards has accepted the supervisor position in the UST Enforcement Unit. She is a senior Engineering Geologist who has worked for three years in the UST Enforcement Unit. Before she came to the State Water Board, Kim spent two years in the UST program at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Prior to her state service, Kim worked for 5 years at Dames & Moore, an international environmental consulting company, doing remediation at contaminated soil and groundwater sites (Superfund, AST, and UST). Kim earned her BS in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and her MS in Geological Engineering from the University of Mississippi-Oxford. Please help us in congratulating Kim on her new position. She can be reached at [ksellards@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ksellards@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5869

### **Basic UST Inspector Training**

John Elkins is holding a Basic UST Regulatory and Compliance training in Sacramento on Monday, September 29. Participants will be provided with a thorough overview of UST requirements. The class is for UST inspectors with less than one year of experience and will be hosted at the Cal/EPA Headquarters from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is mandatory and the registration deadline is September 22. Email John for registration.

If you have future training needs and would like to host a class, please contact John to arrange the details.

**UST Program Contact:** John Elkins ([jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov); 916-341-5668).

### **LG 164-1 – Reporting of Significant Operational Compliance**

On July 23, 2008, the State Water Board amended LG 164 – Reporting of Significant Operational Compliance to reflect changes in reporting frequency and the number and method of reporting categories for significant operational compliance (SOC). The release detection and release prevention criteria for SOC have not changed.

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### **Report 6 and Red Tag Reporting**

Beginning with the September 1, 2008 submittal, CUPAs will be reporting Report 6 and Red Tag data on a semi-annual basis using revised forms contained in the Title 27 regulations, effective January 18, 2008. The revised forms are available on the Unified Program website. As in the past, each CUPA will receive a Report 6 form pre-populated with data from the previous reporting period. We will send out the pre-populated forms in early July. They are due back with January-June 2008 data by September 1, so that we can report back to USEPA by October 2008.

We have simplified the Report 6 form in several ways:

- 1) Replace the previous Column B that showed net changes with a new Column B that shows number of new facilities or systems and add a Column C to show number of closed facilities or systems;
- 2) Delete reporting of UST systems with release detection and UST systems with release prevention, which were 1998 upgrade requirements;
- 3) Revise significant operational compliance reporting to create 4 categories that do not overlap: facilities in compliance with release detection only; facilities in compliance with release prevention only; facilities in compliance with both release detection and release prevention; and facilities with violations of both release detection and release prevention.

The Red Tag data requirements were changed to add the facility owner's name and facility operator's name to the form. Red Tag data are submitted as side 2 of the Report 6 form. A place was added to the bottom of the Report 6 form to be checked if no Red Tags were issued during the reporting period. The Red Tag form was redesigned to make it easier to enter the required information.

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### **Governor's Office of Emergency Services**

None

### **Office of the State Fire Marshal**

None